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In re Application of: Examiner: Q. Grainger SHINYA YAMAMOTO, et al. Group Art Unit: 2852 Application No.: 09/650,752 Notice of Allowance: April 18, 2003 Confirmation No. 2467 Filed: August 29, 2000 July 3, 2003 For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS COMPRISING MEANS FOR DETECTING AN AMOUNT OF DEVELOPER CONTAINED) IN A DEVELOPER CONTAINER, A MEMORY FOR STORING THE AMOUNT DETECTED BY THE DETECTING MEANS, AND CONTROL MEANS FOR UPDATING THE INFORMATION STORED IN THE) **MEMORY**

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies the listed documents are also enclosed. These document were recently cited in the attached European Search Report issued in a foreign counterpart application on May 19, 2003.

07/08/2003 EFLORES 00000019 09650752 01 FC:1806 180.00 GP U.S. Patent No. 5,923,917 was cited in the October 4, 2001 Office Action, and therefore it is not being submitted herewith, and U.S. Patent Nos. 4,647,185 and 5,708,912 and the English Abstract of Japanese Laid-Open Patent No. 11-015252 are not being furnished herein, because these references were previously cited in the March 29, 2002 Information Disclosure Statement.

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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Each item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

CONCLUSION

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Applicants enclose a check for the required fee of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(d).

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